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## ALEXANDRIA HAS VERY QUIET YEAR

All Business Except Bank-  
ing Fails to Show any  
Material Increase.

## NO GREAT CHANGES

City Passes Though One of the Quietest  
Years in its History. Big Storm  
of July 30th, 1913.

The year 1913 passed into history last night as one of the quietest years that Alexandria has ever experienced. With a decline in practically all of the statistics of the city, with the exception of the banking figures, and the smallest amount of building that has been commenced in many years, the official report of Alexandria fails to keep up with the record of past years. The year 1913 will be regarded as the year in which many important building operations and street improvements, which were planned a year ago, were completed, and will be marked by the commencement of two equally important projects, namely, the planning of a new high school and a new truck house for the Relief Hook and Ladder Company. Arrangements for the continuation of the street work, which has been a factor in the improvement of Alexandria for the past ten years, were continued.

Statistics for 1913 show that there has been a decided falling-off in many of the important matters affecting the community. With the exception of marriages there was a decrease in the figures reported by Clerk Greenaway of the Corporation and Circuit Courts. The deeds in the Corporation court were only 459 compared with 538 in 1912, showing a decided decrease in real estate transfers. Common law suits numbered 37 compared with 55 in the previous year, and chancery suits were 52 compared with 75 in 1912. The number of wills and administration shows a decided decrease in 1913. The only increase was that of marriages, which were 693 in 1913 compared with 557 in 1912.

The fines collected by Police Justice Caton were \$3,740, a decrease of approximately \$800.

When a review of the year is made there are two events that will stand out as most prominent. First was the decision of Judge Bennett T. Gordon, of Nelson county, refusing to grant the petition of the city for more territory to be added to its limits. When the case closed in 1912 it was confidently expected that early in 1913 Judge Gordon would give the city a present of at least two square miles of territory. The evidence that had been presented to his honor was such that should have convinced him of the necessity of granting the city's request, but Judge Gordon did not consider the matter in that light for he refused to grant Alexandria a single foot of additional land. His decision came like a bomb shell to the city and was a disappointment that was hard to overcome. Later in the year the city council authorized an appeal to the supreme court of appeals which granted a writ of error which will be decided within the next few months. The city is confident that its prayer will be granted and that before the end of the present year will have room to accommodate its increasing number of inhabitants.

The next event which will in all probability remain as a stronger impression upon the minds of all who were in Alexandria on the occasion was the terrific storm of July 30.

It was the second terrific display of the elements in Alexandria and vicinity during the past seventeen years. The sultry conditions of the early part of the day were followed by the gathering of black and ominous clouds in the northeast in the afternoon, and between 3 and 4 o'clock the storm broke over the city. The darkness which accompanied the elemental disturbance was phenomenal, and the hail, rain, lightning and wind were appalling. The oldest inhabitants declared they never witnessed such a display of the powers of nature. The wind shrieked demonically, hailstones bombarded houses, breaking windows and causing no little terror, while roofs were blown

away, chimneys prostrated, sides of houses demolished and trees in every section of the city prostrated. Some streets were rendered impassable from overturned trees and branches of others which had fallen in every direction. Telegraph, telephone and electric light and power wires were prostrated, and there was general havoc everywhere. Windows had been blown in in many places. After the storm had subsided and an inventory of the damage taken, it was a great relief to know that nobody had been hurt.

**Death and Birth Rate.**  
The deaths during 1913 were as follows: White male, 99; white female, 73 colored male, 63; colored female, 71. Total, 306.

Births, white males, 123; white females, 123; colored males, 50; colored females, 44. Total 339.

**Record of City Jail.**  
There were 150 colored males, 45 colored females, 113 white males, 2 white females, in the city jail during 1913.

The fines collected by Police Justice Caton were \$3,740, a loss of approximately \$800 from the previous year.

**Water Service.**  
Water—The Alexandria Water Co. now has 3,899 taps in service, an increase of 126 over the service of 1912. Of water mains there were installed a total of 5,283 feet. 1,212 feet of 4-inch main in Union street between King and Wolfe streets has been replaced by 6-inch main.

**Legal Statistics.**  
The following legal statistics were furnished by Nevell S. Greenaway, Clerk of the Courts.

Corporation Court.	1912	1913
Deeds	538	459
Common Law Suits	55	37
Chancery Suits	75	52
Administrations	2	2
Wills	4	2

Circuit Court.	1912	1913
Common Law Suits	26	17
Chancery Suits	21	28
Administrations	17	16
Wills	25	15

**Marriage Licenses.**  
The little god Cupid was on his job in Alexandria last year for Clerk Greenaway issued 693 licenses against 557 in 1911, an increase of 136.

**School Permits Granted.**  
White—Boys ..... 816  
Girls ..... 765  
Total White ..... 1581  
Colored Permits—Boys ..... 247  
Girls ..... 346  
Total Colored ..... 595

**Dog Licenses.**  
The number of dog licenses shows a decrease in the number issued in the past year 710, as compared with 780, in 1912, a decrease of 70.

**Fire Loss, 1913.**  
January ..... \$3,000.00  
February ..... 1,277.00  
March ..... none  
April ..... 1,093.00  
May ..... 21,065.00  
June ..... 295.00  
July ..... 430.00  
August ..... 620.00  
September ..... 940.00  
October ..... 1,150.00  
November ..... 570.00  
December ..... 475.00  
Total ..... \$35,237.00

In 1912 the fire loss was \$40,030, a decrease of nearly \$15,000.

**City Gas Plant.**  
During the past year there were 111 new services put in and 63 services removed; 2,605 feet of new main was laid as follows:  
145 feet two inches, 1272 feet 4 inches, and 332 feet 6 inches.  
Gas consumed at the close of yesterday was 1,874, and meters used for the city, 24, making a total of 1,898.

## THREE PERSONS DROWN.

Two Norfolk Youths Dies When Skiff upsets, and Two are Saved.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Two youths lost their lives and two others had a narrow escape when a skiff in which they were rowing in the river capsized here late yesterday.  
Julian Nixon and Paul Thomas were drowned. Walter Holland, in charge of a lumber company's log pond, jumped into the river and saved Flag Corner and Coffield, the fourth boy.  
Still another drowning occurred yesterday when John H. Walker, aged 40 years, lost his life in Tanner's creek, near his country home.



## MEXICAN AFFAIRS REACHING CRISIS

Many Speculations Concerning  
Nature of President's  
Talk With Lind.

## ARE READY TO CONFER

Emphatically Stated That no Hope is  
Entertained of Any Definite Pol-  
icy Towards Mexico.

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 1.—Everything was in readiness today for the conference between President Wilson and John Lind, which will be conducted in the utmost secrecy.

In advance of the arrival of the Mexican envoy the only information obtainable regarding the outcome was the declaration that it had been sought by the executive. And it was emphasized that no hope was entertained that any new definite Mexican policy would follow it.

Mr. Lind, it was explained, was here at the suggestion of the President, who believed both would be benefited by a heart-to-heart talk at which the former Minnesota governor could detail the result of his personal observations. And whether Lind was to return to Mexico or to be told that his mission was ended, was known to the President alone.

No word was received today from the Chester, although she was believed to be off the coast. It was suggested at the "Little White House" that Lind might have been landed at a point on the coast by means of the Winona and already in telephonic communication with the President. Telephonic inquiry to Gulf ports developed the fact that neither the Chester nor the Winona had been seen. It was certain that the President planned to hold his conference in secret if possible and to keep Lind from being interviewed if possible.

"There will be a statement after Mr. Lind has conferred with the President, but until then all information must be refused," was the only word obtainable from the President.

The President saw the new year in after all. He retired early but arose about 11:30 and joined the members of his family and two or three guests in the sitting room of the cottage in time to pass the compliments of the season as the clock struck twelve.

## SOUTHERN TRAIN DERAILED.

Meets With Accident 40 Miles Below  
Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 1.—Train No. 10, of the Southern, due here at 7:30 o'clock, was derailed yesterday morning south of Sycamore, about forty miles south of Lynchburg, the accident happening when the train was making full speed. The train was derailed and the baggage car turned over, but representatives of the company here say no one was seriously hurt. The cause of the accident is not known yet.

## KILLS HIS BABY SISTER.

Finds Father's Gun, Loads it, And  
Blows Off Her Head.

Statesville, N. C., Jan. 1.—The 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Carter, who lives eight miles from town, used his father's shotgun Monday morning to blow off the head of his 3-year-old sister, Katie Lou.

The child's head was scattered in fragments about the room. The parents were out, and the children were playing about the room. The boy secured the gun and loaded it himself.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

The British government has come to the conclusion that it had made a costly failure in fitting the battle cruiser Invincible solely with electricity. She has been sent to the dock yard to have hydraulic power substituted for electricity for the working of the guns, and it is stated that this will cost about \$1,000,000. The vessel was the only ship in the British navy fitted with electric power throughout.

Surrounded by policemen who had tumbled out of two automobiles, Harris S. Armstrong, a negro, 40 years old, at Fourth and N streets northwest, Washington, last evening was reaching for the pistol with which he had just killed his wife, when William Ryan, the police chauffeur who drives the automobile patrol of the Second Precinct station, grabbed him before he could shoot. An instant later half a dozen officers had overpowered Armstrong and Ryan had taken away the revolver.

Thirteen Formosan conspirators were publicly executed at Taihoku, Formosa, yesterday. They were sentenced to death in connection with a plot discovered early in November to throw Japanese rule in Formosa. The plotters had planned to raise an army of 100,000 Formosans, and massacre the Japanese garrison, afterward handing over the island to China. Beside the thirteen plotters sentenced to death, 123 others were condemned to long terms of imprisonment.

Agents of the Hungarian revolutionary party have, it is said, been in Washington several days seeking to learn what would be the attitude of the United States in the event of an organized revolt against the Emperor Franz Josef. The French government is said to have secretly given promise of moral support to the movement. A strong sympathizer with the plan is said to be Count Laszlo Szechenyi, the husband of the former Gladys Vanderbilt, which suggests that the Vanderbilts millions may be employed to release Hungary from her allegiance to Austria.

A federal troop train was blown up with dynamite yesterday 170 miles southeast of Mexico City, on the main line of the Inter-oceanic Railway, connecting the federal capital with the coast. Only three men out of the 50 soldiers and train crew escaped with their lives. The rebels have burned the San Antonio Railroad station, 30 miles south of Vera Cruz.

Under surface mutterings rather than actual developments marked the copper mine strike situation yesterday in Calumet, Mich. Fears of radical action have caused some extraordinary precautions to be taken. As a result of this feeling, however, the usual holiday gatherings in churches and halls have been closely guarded by deputy sheriffs. Children of members of the Citizen's Alliance attending entertainments under the leadership of ministers who have cast their lot with that organization did so with armed officers stationed at approaches to the buildings.

Three hundred ex-slaves of New Hanover, N. C., were guests yesterday afternoon at a sumptuous dinner given them by the white people of the city at St. Stephen's Church, colored. Preceding the dinner there were exercises in which several old slaves, together with a number of prominent citizens of the city, made short addresses.

Berlin is snowbound, after the most severe blizzard in thirty years. More than fourteen inches of snow covers the city. Trains have been delayed and traffic seriously interfered with.

## WINS GREAT FIGHT FOR ENDOWMENT

Randolph-Macon College Se-  
cures Final Cash Con-  
tributions to Fund.

## GETS HALF MILLION.

Large Sums Will Come Through  
Wills—Officials of College Greatly  
Encouraged.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—Final contributions were secured last night which complete the fund of \$500,000 being raised for the endowment of Richmond College, thus securing the entire subscription of \$150,000 made by the general Education Board. The college for men and the new co-educational college for women will open in entirely new buildings at Westhampton, about four miles west of Richmond, on September 17, with a plant that will have cost for grounds, buildings and equipment \$1,000,000, and with an invested endowment of \$900,000. In the final thirty-six hours of the campaign \$12,400 was raised and actually paid over in cash to complete the endowment.

Headquarters of the campaign for the endowment fund in the Mutual building presented an enthusiastic scene last night, when the final cash payments were made, which secured the conditional contributions, and made complete the movement on which the college authorities have been working for years. President F. W. Boatwright, who has served as chairman of the general committee on endowment was warmly congratulated on the success of the undertaking which establishes the college as one of the leading educational institutions of the South, assures its permanent operation, and adequate and fireproof buildings and not only provides for present financial needs, but opens the way to further substantial endowment.

Almost in despair of raising the entire amount by the end of 1913, as required in the terms of the largest donation, Rev. R. D. Garland, president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, went yesterday morning to Roanoke and raised cash contributions amounting to \$1,125. He returned last night just in time to make up the grand total of \$500,000, all of which is now in actual cash, or its equivalent, except about \$3,000 of conditional pledges, made during the last few days by responsible Richmond business men, payable today on demand.

There were present at headquarters when the final payments were made, which completed the fund, all of whom took active part in the campaign of the past few days: Lieut. Governor J. Taylor Elyson, Rev. R. H. Pitt, D. D., R. W. Spilman, J. D. Crump, R. S. Crump, M. Thalhimer, L. O. Miller, N. W. Bowe, Hill Montague, Russell C. Williams, Dr. L. T. Wilson, Professor W. L. Prince, Rev. J. P. Wicker, Rev. S. M. Templeman, Clyde H. Ratcliffe, W. Leigh Carneal, Dr. Robert Fraser, P. D. Camp, Rev. A. D. Garland, Rev. W. C. James, J. G. Corley, Dr. C. H. Ryland, Rev. R. T. Marsh, Professor R. E. Gaines, and B. West Tabb.

## NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the West-Enders Brick Company, will be held at the principal office of the company, 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1914, at 12 o'clock, M.

WILLIAM D. WEST,  
Secretary.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

In the Corporation Court in the suit of Emma Adelman Gatton vs. Jas. T. Gatton, a final decree was entered granting complainant a divorce from defendant upon grounds of desertion.

During the month of December the Clerk of the Corporation Court issued 56 marriage licenses—forty-six to white and ten to colored. During the month forty-two deeds were admitted to record.

There was but one case on the docket of the Police Court this morning. A resident of the western section of the city was charged with assault. He failed to appear and forfeited his collateral.

The regular monthly meeting of the City School Board will be held tonight.

**WATSON TO HAVE OPPOSITION.**  
Congressman From Fourth District  
to Have Opponent.

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 1.—There is much speculation among politicians of the Fourth Congressional district as to who will oppose Representative Walter A. Watson, in the next Congressional election. Judge Watson is serving his first term, which he won after one of the closest fights in the history of the district. He defeated former Representative Turnbull by a majority of twenty-eight votes, on a recount of the ballots of the entire district. The contest was hot from start to finish and at one time reached bitterness.

There is still a strong feeling in some sections of the district as to the result of the election. The fight created two very distinct factions in the district, which was proven in the municipal primary, held in this city, last fall.

Robert G. Bass, campaign manager in Petersburg for Judge Watson, was a candidate for the postmastership of Petersburg after the election of Woodrow Wilson to the Presidency, and solicited the endorsement of Judge Watson for his appointment. On the night before the closing of the list of candidates in the municipal primary, Judge Watson determined to endorse R. P. Barham for the position, and Mr. Bass announced at once his candidacy for the clerkship of the courts in opposition to Robert Gilliam, Sr., who is chairman of the Fourth District Democratic committee, and defeated Mr. Gilliam by an overwhelming vote.

Robert Gilliam, Jr., was also defeated for renomination to the House of Delegates by Robert W. Price, a strong Turnbull supporter. While it is not known which of the two will oppose Judge Watson for renomination, it is practically assured that Hon. Robert Turnbull, of Lawrenceville, or Commonwealth's Attorney Richard H. Mann, will be in the race. Neither Mr. Turnbull nor Mr. Mann has authorized this statement, but they are both being urged and one of the two will evidently yield to their friends' wishes.

## Killed by a Negro.

Oxford, N. C., Jan. 1.—W. M. Sullivan, a peddler of spectacles from Roanoke, Va., was killed near here Tuesday night by a negro named Sam Taylor.

Taylor came to Oxford and surrendered voluntarily, claiming that Sullivan forced his way into his house, and that when he ordered the peddler to leave, Sullivan made as if to attack him. He then shot him.

Sullivan's wife, in Roanoke, Va., requested that the body be sent there. Sam Taylor is now in jail.

We wish to extend to our friends and patrons our best wishes for a

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

and to thank them for their generous support during the past year.

## THE HOUSE OF FLEISCHMANN.

CARL FLEISCHMAN,  
HARRY FLEISCHMAN.

January 1, 1914.

NOTICE.

A stated convocation of Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14, will be held in the Tabernacle Friday evening January 2, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

A. G. UHLER, Secy.

## PAST YEAR HAPPY UNIVERSALLY

No Really Great Catastrophes Have Occurred  
Throughout 1913.

## DEMOCRATS IN POWER.

Critical Mexican Situation—Things of  
Interest in the Far East—America  
Leads in Sports.

New York, Jan. 1.—Taken all in all, the year 1913 has been a happy and rather fortunate one for the world in general. It was not marked by any great catastrophe, such as the San Francisco earthquake or the Titanic disaster; it saw the end of the wars in the Balkans, it witnessed the inauguration of a Democratic president in the United States, followed by genuine tariff reduction without financial panic.

The death roll for the past year has hit the financial world rather hard, including such notable figures as J. P. Morgan, Henry M. Flagler, and James B. Keene. The Roman Catholic church also lost two of its most venerable cardinals, Oreglia, dean of the sacred college, and Rampolla, once secretary at the Vatican, and would have been Pope instead of Pius X, had not the Emperor of Austria of Austria voted against him.

In the United States political developments have been extremely interesting, but not startling. Everything seems to have gone the way of the Democrats. Democratic victories were won last November in New York City, the State of New Jersey and State of Massachusetts. Congress has passed the currency bill, and the banking interests of the country are adjusting themselves to meet it.

As alarmed as high finance may have been when it was learned that President Wilson believed the Sherman law should be "clarified," business and financial interests have become convinced that the President's attitude is not one of opposition, but rather an attitude in which he would consult and confer with business and finance to remedy evils generally admitted to exist.

South of the Rio Grande developments have been startling and rapid. The year 1913 saw in Mexico the assassinations of President Francisco Madero, Vice-President Pino Suarez and Gustavo Madero, brother of the President, the usurpation of the presidency by Victoriano Huerta, boosted into the position by General Felix Diaz. Then came the rupture between Diaz and Huerta, with the practical banishment of Diaz. Later in 1913 came the rise of Venustiano Carranza, leader of the Constitutionalists in the north of Mexico, with the result that the powerful northern states of Mexico are now under his control. Scarcely had Carranza become famous than "Pancho" Villa, former bandit, with a price on his head, leaped into the limelight as a rebel leader, serving Carranza, and it is now questionable whether Carranza or Villa is the stronger in the leadership of the Constitutionalists forces.

In its relations with Mexico, the U. S. has stood firm. Early in his administration President Wilson announced his determination to withhold recognition from the Huerta administration, and although much pressure has been brought to bear, the President has refused to change his attitude. Efforts have been made to induce Huerta to retire, and allow a fair and honest election, without result. Today the United States has a heavy armed force at the borders and an impressive array of battleships off the coast.

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